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HO reference value is also used in messages sent by the mobile station MS. However, this is not disclosed in the reference. Accordingly, the Examiner appears to misunderstand the reference.

Referring to Figs. 6 and 7 of Bodin, it is clear that the mobile station does send messages. These messages are described at column 9, lines 38-57 as follows:

FIG. 7 illustrates a signaling sequence schedule as it may appear if the channel activation order or command is modified in accordance with one embodiment of the invention, as explained above. The sequence schedule is initially similar to that for handover procedure, with the exception that the channel activation command (CH ACT) has been modified. When in receipt of the access signal (HO ACC) from the mobile station MS, the base station BTS2 sends no signal in return, although the base transceiver station nevertheless sends to the base station controller the message that handover has been detected (HO DET), this message including the time delay t_2 registered in the base station BTS2. The time delay t_2 is forwarded from the base station controller BSC to the service node SN. Transmission of t_2 from the base station BTS2 may, alternatively, be effected on receipt of a new command to this effect. The manner in which the measurement value is forwarded is not an essential aspect of the present invention. It is noted that mobile station MS's reconnection to base transceiver station BTS1 is effected by the SABM, UA, and HO FAIL commands.

Bodin discloses that a message HO_ACC and a message HO_FAIL are sent from the mobile station. Bodin does not mention that the messages contain the HO reference value. Furthermore, Bodin does not mention that the messages contain a code word differentiating the handover signaling message from signaling messages for requesting a radio link.

Even if one of these messages contained such a code word, such code word is not described in the reference, and it is improper for the Examiner to assume it is. Further, we know from the above discussion that the messages from the mobile station do not contain such a code word.

Demetrescu et al. is cited only for the additional limitations of the dependent claims. Demetrescu et al. does not compensate for the deficiencies discussed above with regard to Bodin.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the prior art rejections should be withdrawn. There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is

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Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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